(e) There has been no discrimination against the SC/ST minoirities employees.

(f) and (g) There was a regular Chairman-cum-Managing Director uptd 1.6.98. After he was relieved on completion of his tenure, it was decided by the Government no to appoint a regular Chief Executive as there were no significant production activities in the Company and BIFR's recommendations for winding up were pending in the Allahabad High Court.

Employment opportunities in industrial sector

2377. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment in the industrial sector during the post-1991 period has been adversely affected primarily due to failure of Government to provide a level playing field to domestic industry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government propose to adopt to create more employment opportunities in industrial and other sectors?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) The Employment in the organised sector specifically in the manufacturing sector has gone up during 1991 to 1996 according to the latest available data on employment as per Directorate General of Employement and Training (DGE&T), Ministry of Labour.

Year (As on 31st March)	Organised Sector (Employment in lakhs)	Manufacturing sector (Employment in Lakhs)
1991	267.33	63.33
1992	270.56	64.27
1993	271.76	63.96
1994	273.75	64.14
1995	279.86	66.21
1996	279.41	67.87

(c) Productive employment is an important dimension of the state policy that seeks to achieve growth with equity. Greater productive employement will be generated in the growth process itself. Improvements in the levels of employment can be achieved only on a situation of rapidly growing productivity.

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2378. **श्री चिमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने कोई व्यापक राष्ट्रीय औद्योगिक नीति लागू की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या हैं;

(ग) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान लागू की गई उपरोक्त नीति के किन-किन पक्षों को लागू किया गया;

(घ) क्या इसे लागू करने में किन्हीं कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ा है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और